PACIFIC MAIL JOBBERY.

A Corruption Fund of \$750,000.

The Testimony which Irwin Gave Behind Closed Doors.

TELL-TALE RECORDS DESTROYED.

Irwin Refusing to Tell Who Got the Money.

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Ways and Means held an open session at 11

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Theodore T. Johnson, Eag., Secretary T. M. S. S. Company,
DEAR SIR: Your valued favor of the 10th reached me at a late hour last evening, and the contents have my respectful attention. Klauly say to the Charman that I trust ne will not consider me discourteous in stating that other engagements beyond my control will not essentily defer my meeting the committee for a few days to come. When those engagements permit I will promptly communicate with your good self. Meanwhile I remain yours, respectfully.

HIS NERVOUS SYSTEM MEMALING DOWN.

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The Testimony of Richard B. Irwin.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The following is the testimony of Richard B. Irwin, from which the injunction of secrecy has been removed:

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any capacity since that date? A.—No, sir.

IRWIN'S SPECIAL CONTRACT.

Q-Will you state to the committee what was the character of your capployment under this special contract? A.—Yes, sir. I was to come to Washington and get that subsidy for them.

Q-How much time did that contract cover? A.—Five months, neglanding in January, 1872, and ending in My, 1872.

Q-Where was that service performed? A.—In Washington and New York.

Q-As general agent, you was a partner with Eidridge?
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A.—It message of the subsidy? A.—That and my personal expenses.

At this point Irwin said he was too unwell to any further and the examination was susjended until the 17th.

December 17.—The sub-committee continued Itwin's examination at his room as follows:

pany. Q. After it had once been defeated in the House? A.—Yes, str.

Q.—Between that and the final payment of the \$7.50, 0.50 did you receive any other cheese? A.—I will not swear lost yelly, but I think not.
Q.—After that take, May 6, did you at any time receive any other caseks? A.—I old.
Q.—Will you describe them? A.—May I isk whether you have got the checks?
Mr. Beck—The checks are all dated on the 21th of May.

Q.—And that was the purpose you have heretofore stated in accordance with the contract to procure subsidy? A.—Yes, ir.

the examination was susp the 18th, at 10:30 A. M.

the tender of his resignation, to take effects of Dec. 38, 152, the date of this expiration of his contract. Irwin continues.

After the date of this citter, and before the receipt of Mr. Storawell's reply. I received an informal communication, which is had reason to believe came directly from him, saking upon what terms i would be willing to the communication.

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The RELATIONS WITH THE COMPANY.

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Is insularly.

A prominent member of the Ways and Means Committee, in conversation to night, said it was apparent that Irwin had studiously decived the sub-committee by an appearance of candor, and by framing his answers so as not only to lead them to suppose that he would reply to all further inquiries, but also that he was fally authorized by the directors of the company to expend immense sums of money to secure the increased subsidy. The member said this impression had been artfully produced, but was wholly contradicted by the testimony subsequently given before the committee, showing that the resolution authorizing irwin's employment was passed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors only upon the repeated assurances of President Stockwell that it contemplated an expenditure not to exceed \$10,000, and to be only for counsel fees and other legitimate expenses, such as entertainments, &c. It is ascertained to night that Irwin had a long interview last evening with an agent of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and that on Friday night he was closeted until a very late hour with another representative of parties known to be bitterly infinited to the present management of the Pacific Mail Company. These interviews are alteged to be very significant in view of his refusal to answer further questions put by the sub-committee on Saturday, and his continued refusal to the full committee to-day.

A DASH AT GLADSTONE & CO.

What May Yet be Seen by Prince Bismarch and the Emperor William-Dr. McGlynn to the Opponents of the Supreme Pontiff. The Rev. Dr. McGlynn lectured last evening on Popery and its Limitations. "The Christian statesman," he said, "Mr. Gladstone,

(hisses), may be able to imagine circumstances wherein he might find that a government of pagan principles would be in conflict with his wherein he might find that a government of pagan principles would be in conflict with his conscience. Let us hope that in that case he would go to be a state for his principles, and thus be saved from the fate of premature martyrdom. [Loud applause.] But it may be considered fortunate that Mr. Gladstone has given occasion for a free discussion of the Christian occasion for a free discussion occasion for a free discussion occasion for a free discussion occasi

A Scheme for Increasing the Value of Northern Pacific Bonds. The New York holders of Northern

Pacific bonds have matured and are now press-Pacific bonds have matured and are now pressing upon Congress a scheme for increasing the value of those doubtful securities. Their plan hinges upon a bill presented, by request, by the Hon. S. S. Cox, embodying the following provisions:

Real of Sketcs one case of pencils, eight refrigerators, 100 cases of chalk, one carriage, 240,-600 gailons of petroleum, 500 cases of crayons, and fifty barrels of plaster of Parls.

**Skates are exported largely to Japan." said

THE NEW CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Speakers in the Contest in the Academy on the 7th of January.

All the speakers for the Intercollegiate Contest had been named yesterday except the second orator from Cornell. They will speak in

the following order, decided by lot :

THE LOST STEAMSHIP.

The Latest Dispatches from China - The Num-

At the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's office in Wall street, yesterday, a distatch was received from Hong Kong, announcing the arrival on Sunday of the captain and twenty-nine of the Buropean and fifty of the Chinese crew of the Japan, and that F. W. Crocker, a cabin passenger, and thirty-four Chinese passengers had been rescued in the Japan's boats. Two boats and raffs had not been heard from. Thus far [2] passengers have been saved. One cubin passenger is still not accounted for. The ship was first discovered to be on fire over the boilers at about 11 o'clock on Thursday evening. She was then about 12 on fire over the boilers at about 11 o'clock on Thursday evening. She was then about 12 order from Hong Kong. After the Lehigh, Uncer Lehigh, Wyomin, and adjacent antiractic fields have met to consider the fixing of the basis of wages to the miners for 1875. At the meeting were Ario Pardec, Charles Parrich, Pr sident of the Scale Had will be and Wilkesbarre Coal and Iron Company. S. Van Wickle, Nathan Wills, Dr. G. B. Liademan, Cec. Jr. E. B. Ety, Junge Ha obarger, A. B. Coa, and I. Chayden, The onference was head with classed doors but sull left to show that the bias of maximum was for a lower basis. There is ageneral strike in the veneral dem. In the order the fixing of the basis of wages to the miners for 1875. At the meeting were Ario Pardec, Charles Parrich, Pr sident of the Scale Had will be abase of wages to the miners for 1875. At the meeting were Ario Pardec, Charles Parrich, Pr sident of the Scale Had will be and Wilkesbarre Coal and Iron Company. S. Van Wickle, Nathan Wills, Dr. G. B. Liademan, S. Van Wickle, Nathan Wills, Dr. G. B. Liademan, Coa, Jr. Charles Parrich, Pr sident of the Scale Had will be and will be an antiractic fields have met to consider the fixing of the basis of wages to the miners for 1875. At the meeting antiractic fields have met to consider the fixing of the basis of wages to the miners for 1875. At the meeting were Ario Pardec, Charles Parrich, Pr sident of the Scale Had wil of the Buropean and fifty of the Chinese crew of the Japan, and that P. W. Crocker, a cabin passenger, and thirty-four Chinese passengers had been rescued in the Japan's boats. Two boats and rafts had not been heard from. Thus far 121 passengers have been saved. One cabin passenger is still not accounted for. The ship was first discovered to be on fire over the bodiers at about 11 o'clock on Thursday evening. She was then about 150 miles from Hong Kong. After about two hours spent in fruitiese efforts to get the fire unner control, the captain decided to abandon the vessel, and at 5 o'clock on Frid y morning all hands were transferred to the boats and rafts. The mails were not saved.

A German Sailing Vessel and her Crew Seized by the Carlists.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette has the following: has the following:

On the lith inst, the German brig Gustay, from New York, entered the harner of Guetaria, ten miles west of San Sebastian. On nearing the shore she was fired upon by the Carists, notwithstanding she hoisted the German flag and put out signals of distress. The next day the brig stranded off Zaranz. Her crew were savel by the Republican volunteers, who took them to San Sebastian. The Carlists on shore fired on the boats during the rescue of the crew, and afterward seized the cargo of the abandoned vessel. An envoy has been sent to the Carlist lines to negotiate for its restoration.

rious storm to-day the lightning struck the powder magazine in Scutari, and caused a ter-rible explosion. A portion of the city wall was overthrown, many houses were demoished, and 200 persons were killed and wounded.

The Hon. George A. Halsey, the Hon. N. Perry, Mayor of Newark, Mr. Thomas T. Kinney, editor of the Newark Duly advertiser, and other genilemen of high

A Missing Baptist Clergyana.

The Rev. H. Shipe, pastor of the Herbertavile (N. J.) Baptist Caurch for over a year, has left the
church and his whereabonts is usknown. For some
time charges have been pening peture the Trustes
and officers of the church in relation to certain irregularities, and it is believed he disappeared to avoid public scandal.

SPARKS FROM THE TELLGRAPH.

Mary Costello, aged 10 years, was drowned in the Hackenseck river at Scaceneus vesterday.

Joseph Knowies, senior publisher of the Providence Journal, died in that city yesterday.

The Hon. John Kingsbury, President of the Washington Insura e Company of Previdence, died yesterday, after an idness of four months.

Eddie Collins and two other boys named Boget and Stavens, of Peans Manor, Pa., opnosite Trunon, were drowned yesterday afternoon waite playing on a pond.

piace he had waiked after his escape.

The House Committee on Elections yesterday decided to report a resolution declaring Snyder (Republican), the satting member from the Second Araansa District, entitled to his soat, and dismissing the contest of Bell for the same.

The bill introduced in the House by Mr. Eames to day proposes to repeal all taxes and stamp duties imposed by the internal revenue laws, except such as relate to distilled spirits, formented inquest, to bacco, smit, cigirs, to increase the tax on distilled spirits ten cents per gallon, and to repeal the second section of the act of Janed, 1872, which reduced by ten per cent, the duties on manufacturers of cotton, wool, Iron, &c.

In the Republican Senators' caucus this after-

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY BY THE SUN'A

The First Sleighing of the Season in Harlem Lane and on the Bloomingdale Road—A Lively Day above the Central Park.

The roads were heavy between Central

Skates for the Land of Pans.

The bark James Condic cleared for Yoko-hama yesterday with two cases of books, 14

"Skates are exported largely to Japan." said Mr. Livermore, the agent of the Condie, "for as it is between 31° and 45° north, ice forms in winter throughout its extent. Skating is especially affected by the inhabitants of Nagasaki. The contiguous fields, which yield rice in summer, are flooded late in the fall, and the coid of winter condenses the flood into ice. The Japanese are graceful skaters. The dress in which the ladies skate is a loose-fitting gown, bound at the waist with a circle. Among the rich these garments are of silk, and among the poor of a cheaper textile. Neither mennor women wear head covering excent as a protection from the rain. Ladies, priests, soldiers, and beggars, all screen their faces from the sun with the universal fan."

At the annual meeting of the New York Neu-rological Society last night, Dr. Allen McLane described a new form of the dynamometer, or force measurer, a new form of the dynamometer, or force measurer, which he had invented to take the place of the instrument known as Mathieu's. It consists of a graduated glass tube eight inches in length, which cips into a soft rubber brish, inied with a colo ed liquid, and can be used without injury to the hand, while all the flexon muscles are brought in play at once.

Br. J. C. Patton reast the report of the Special Compit ee on "Experimental Researches on the Motional Functions of the Greener Healtheres." This, one of the most important contributions ever presented to the function of the reast important contributions ever presented to the conflicted was received with marked attention and interest, was received with marked attention and interest, was received with marked attention on the compited was delicated in defendantly whether the application of the associated in defendant arise of the body, and the result was a foll confirmation of the theory of French and German experimental of the theory of French and German experimental or the markets of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body in the body of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body in the body of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to the body of the body opposite to the body of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to that of the hemisphere of the body opposite to t

A Glorious Evening in the Thirteenth Ward The school officers, teachers, pupils and friends of Grammar School 34 enjoyed a reunion last evening, the occasion being the retirement of Miss Harriet N. Goidey from the principalship of the female department. Miss Goldey has held this honored position for the past twenty-seven years. The little church at Brooms and Ringe streets was filled with the pupils and friends of the school. Mr. A. F. Case, Charrman of the past twenty-seven years and considerable of the school of the past twenty-seven years. Sandard and presented by the pupils to Miss Goldey, and a costly and beautiful clock was given her by the school directors.

COAL MEN IN COUNCIL

Probabilities of a Strike Against a Reduction PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The coal operator

The Mississippi Politicians.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 21.—Forty-nine Conservative members of the Legislature have signed an audress to the people of the United States to vindicate their action in dissenting from the mejerity in calling on the President for troops, and in order to pressive the good name and fame of the beople of the State from the calumnions and wirked charges in the message of the flovernor and retterated and encorsed in the proceedings of the Legislature.

BINGHANTON, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Counsel for Wilham M. Tweed applied to Judge Balcom here the afternoon for a writ of error, &c. The Judge, who has been errously til, declined to hear the application on the ground that he was not well enough to give the case a careful examination.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—John S. Clarke, comedian, appeared before a densely crowded audience at Ford's Opera House to-night. President Grant and King Kalakan occupied boxes together, with many di thrulished personage. The thearre was elaborately decorated.

Increasing cloudiness, winds shifting to easterly ind southerly, rising temperature, failing baroneter, followed by light rain or snow. JOITINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The fair of the Children's Progressive Lyceum is to be open in the darvard Rooms lice, 32 and 33.

Grocers, attention, Austrian, Tuesday, H.A.M., 100 boxes new citron. Burdett & Dennis, 39 Burling sup., -Air.

Don Enrique Pinevro, the new Minister of the Republic of Cubi to confir and for South America you creary in the Car of Touto.

The Workingmen's Central Union passed reactions as my disperse ray the diagranchisement of core in the District of Columbia.

Steel's Hotel.

Caryl Florio says that the announcement of his name as accommonate at the performance given by the Charity Amstern Praintie Association in the Academy of Music on Saturday evening was called unauthorized.

Voluntas Filius," who has nothing to do these hard times but practice on his violin and corner, would take to plan a colony to go to Scattern Catiornia. His neighbors will no doubt pay all expenses on application.